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VISCOSITY MODIFIER FOR LUBRICATING OIL AND

LUBRICATING OIL COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- (Amended) The viscosity modifier for lubricating oil as claimed in claim 1, wherein the $\alpha\text{-olefin}$ of 3 or more carbon atoms (ii) is propylene.
- 5. (Amended) The viscosity modifier for lubricating oil as claimed in claim 1, wherein the carbon number of the higher $\alpha\text{-}$ olefin (iii) is in the range of 6 to 20.